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The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Cloths are to a certain extent hand spun. For example, we get silk cloths manufactured in jails."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if the hon. Member is sure that it is the hand yarn and not the mill yarn that is woven into carpets."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Sometimes it is."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government have any objection to issue a Government Order that they have no objection to all Government servants wearing khaddar."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Government never issue orders of that sort."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" My question is whether Government have any objection ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I say Government never issue orders saying they have no objection to people generally doing something or other."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether by hand spinning jute and wool are meant or cotton ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think both."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" Is hand spinning of cotton carried on extensively in jails ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think that is the information, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" What is the percentage of hand spun yarn that is used in jails as compared with mill yarn ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Approximate percentage if you choose."

Mr. K V. R. SWAMI :—" If the hon. the Home Member really desires that hand spinning should go on in jails, will he issue orders to that effect, that cotton hand spinning should be extended in jails ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is going on, Sir, at the present moment."

Number of Malabar rebellion prisoners in jail.

*519 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : With reference to the answer to (a) and (b) of my question No. 771, dated 31st March 1927, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the report called for regarding the number of Malabar rebellion prisoners, both Mappillas and non-Mappillas, in the Indian jails and in the Andamans ; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to place on the table the report received regarding these prisoners ?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report has been received and is placed on the table.

Mappillas connected with the Malabar rebellion confined—

		No.	
(i) in Indian jails ...	...	5,339	convicts
	and	167	State prisoners.
(ii) in the Andamans	...	1,127	convicts.

Hindu prisoners connected with the rebellion confined—

(i) in Indian jails ...	...	51	„
(ii) in the Andamans	...	5	„

Budget

Action taken on the token cuts passed during the last budget debates.

*520 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member, the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Minister for Public Health and the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government on the several token cuts passed during the last budget debates with a view to recommending action to be taken by Government?

A.—A statement is laid on the table.[a]

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"With reference to the detailed answers given in the appendix, I want to know whether the questions of pay, allowance, leave, provident fund, etc., were not raised in this House for discussion and investigation by a committee?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Which is the item?"

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"The first item, 5-a. Land Revenue."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"Yes, the only question that remains is that they want more pay. The Government have answered in the negative. So there is no question for the committee."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, with reference to the answer given in the appendix with regard to the Revenue Settlement Bill, what steps the Local Government have taken to give effect to the desire of this House, whether they have referred it to the Government of India and whether they have expressed any opinion on the subject? If so, what opinion have they expressed and when did they refer the matter to the Government of India? Within what possible time may we hope the Bill to be brought forward before this House?" 11-30 a.m.

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not quite follow the hon. Member's questions on the subject. I think the position was, in regard

[a] Vide Appendix II on page 132 infra.